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Expressions for situations

1. Asking for information

Excuse me / Can you help me / Sorry to trouble you but...

can you tell me / could you tell me..., please.

I'd like to know ..., please.

Do you happen to know ..., please?

2. Saying you are sure

Yes, I'm sure. Yes, I'm certain.

I'm absolutely sure.

Absolutely positive.

3. Saying you don't know

I'm sorry I really don't know. I'm afraid I don't know.

I haven't got the faintest idea.

I wish I knew.

4. Saying you are not sure

Sorry, I'm not quite sure about ...

I don't think so.

I can't say for sure. I can't say for certain.

5. Asking for advice & giving advice

Can you give me some advice about - *I advise you to...*

What would you advise me to do? - *If I were you, I'd ...*

Do you think I should ...? - *I think you should ...*

What shall/should I do? - *Take my advice, and ...*

6. Asking for opinion & giving your opinion

How do you feel about it? - *I think/feel/believe...*

*What do you think **of** (him / her)?* - *In my opinion...*

*What do you think **about** (the film)?* - *As far as I'm concerned...*

How do you see?

- If you ask me...

7. Agreeing

I agree with you.

Exactly.

You're right.

How true.

8. Saying you partly agree & polite disagreement

I see what you mean, but...

There's a lot in what you say, but...

I agree with most of what you say, but...

Yes, but we shouldn't forget that....

9. Disagreeing

I'm afraid I can't agree with you.

Sorry, but I must disagree.

Do you really think...?

You must be joking. / You can't be serious.

10. Making suggestions, accepting & rejecting suggestions

Let's...

- Yes, let's do that.

- No, let's not (do that)

Shall we...?

- Yes, all right.

- I'd rather not.

Why don't we...?

- That's a good idea

- No, I don't think that's a very good idea.

We could...

11. Introducing yourself

How do you do? My name's Peter.

Hello, I'm Peter.

I don't think we've met before. – No, I don't think we have. My name's Linda.

Let me introduce myself. My name is Peter Frampton.

Sorry, it was my fault. *- That's OK. Forget it.*

17. Complaining

I'd like to complain about ...

I'd like to make a complaint about ...

I'm sorry to say this but this is not good.

Would you please not ...

18. Saying someone must do something

I think you must / should / have to ...

I'm afraid you've got to ...

19. Saying someone needn't do something

You needn't / don't need to / don't have to ...

It isn't necessary to ...

It's up to you.

I can't see why you should ...

20. Asking for permission, granting permission & refusing permission

Can I / Could I / May I ...? - Yes, certainly / of course. - No, I'm afraid not.

Do you mind if I ...? - Not at all. / Of course not. - I'm afraid it's out of the question.

All right if I ...? - Sure. / Go ahead. / Why not? - No way.

21. Making a request, granting a request & refusing a request

Excuse me / Sorry to trouble you, but ... - Yes, of course. - I'd prefer not to.

Could / Would / Will you please? - It'd a pleasure. - I'm afraid not.

Can I ask a favour of you? - Sure. OK. - No way!

22. Giving

This is for you.

Here you are / There you are.

I'd like to give you

Can I give you ...?

23. Offering

Would you like ...?

Can I offer you ...?

What'll you have?

Like a / some ...?

Have a / some...

Help yourself / yourselves (to some biscuits).

24. Inviting

Would you like to come to ...?

How about ... / What about?

Why don't you...?

Like to ...?

25. Accepting an offer or invitation & refusing an offer or invitation

Thank you very much.

Yes, please. – No, thank you.

That sounds / would be nice. – Well, that's very kind of you, but ...

Lovely! – I wish I could, but ...

26. Good wishes

All the best! Good luck!

I hope you have a good time / pleasant holiday / good journey...

Many happy returns (of the day) – Happy birthday.

Thank you. – The same to you. – You too!

Enjoy yourself / yourselves.

27. Persuading

I really think you should...

Go on! Come on!

Please! Just this once!

28. Threatening

If you do that again, I'll have to...

I wouldn't do that, If I were you or ...

Do that again and I'll

Don't you dare!

Just you try!

29. Asking if someone can do something & saying you can/can't do something

Can you ...? - I can... . Sure.

Do you know how to ...?

Do you have any experience of ...?

Do you feel capable of ...? – I don't feel I could...

Translate the following sentences into Hungarian.

Boldog születésnapot!

Elnézést a zavarásért, de szeretnék bejönni.

Nem vagyok teljesen biztos benne.

Egyetértetek veled. Tényleg jól játszanak.

Elmenjünk hazulról? – Én inkább itthon maradnék.

Biztos vagy benne? – Igen, teljesen.

Meg tudnád mondani a lottószámokat? – Bárcsak tudnám.

Mit tanácsolsz, mit tegyek? – Én a helyedben megpróbálnám.

Na, milyen az új mobilom? – Szerintem szuper.

Jancsi, szeretnék bemutatni Juliskának. – Üdvözlöm. – Üdvözlöm.

Igazad van. Mennünk kéne.

Régóta nem találkoztunk. Mizújs? – Minden rendben.

Most el kell húznom, de mindjárt jövök.

Szörnyen sajnálom. – Semmi gond.

Vegyél még egy kis salátát! – Köszönöm, de már tele vagyok.

Ha még egyszer ezt csinálod, szólok anyunak! – Csak azt próbáld meg!

Tudod, hogy kell palacsintát csinálni? – Hát persze.

Elég volt, Tomika! Haza kell mennünk! – Apu, csak még egyszer!

Sok sikert! Szorítok neked!

Szeretnél moziba jönni? – Igen, de sajnós házit kell írnom.

Kaphatnék egy tollat? – Tessék itt van. Megtarthatod.

Nem bánja, ha ideülök? – Tessék csak.

Esni fog holnap? – Nem hiszem.

Mit szólsz a győzelmükhöz? – Szerintem megérdemelték. Jobbak voltak.